(3) Dry land farming methods are being propagated with emphasis on drought resistant Agricultural crops and Horticulture crops. Agro forestry crops also are being propagated. Mixed farming systems are also encouraged.

(4) Rain water harvesting and other soil and water conservation activities are being taken up under Watershed Mission specially created for this purpose.

TM on Dairy Development

3330. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing a Technology Mission on Dairy Development;

(b) if so, whether it is being implemented in Rajasthan also;

(c) whether desired results of the Mission have been achieved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Technology Mission on Dairy Development was launched in August, 1988 which ended on 31st March 1999, also covered Rajasthan. Under this Mission 5374 additional Dairy Cooperative Societies were formed for providing animal health care; 2079 Dairy Cooperative Societies for artificial insemination, vaccination etc; frozen semen production increased from 108 lakh doses to 241 lakh doses per annum, production of additional 9538 MT of high quality fodder seed and establishment of a model system of bulk procurement, storage and delivery of liquid nitrogen for artificial insemination programme was undertaken.

MSP for oilseeds and pulses

3331. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have hiked the Minimum Support Price for oilseeds and pulses, in a bid to encourage crop diversification;

(b) whether Government have also decided to hike the price of wheat by Rs. 10 per quintal for 2002-2003 marketing seasons;

(c) if so, what are the other decisions taken; and